

SOFT COAL WAGE CONTRACT LEFT TO A COMMITTEE OF 21

Decision Arrived at in Cleveland at Conference of Operators of the Central Competitive Field and Leaders of Union Miners—Committee is to Work Out Details of Settlement of Strike—President Lewis of the Miners Predicts That More Than 300,000 Will Return to Work in the Soft Coal Fields Within a Week—Leader Lewis Claims a Victory for the Miners.

A Victory for the Miners.
Cleveland, Aug. 10 (By the A. P.).—

tomorrow. The start was made after the policy committee of the United Mine Workers voted in favor of contracting with these operators of the central company.

Approximately 20 per cent. of the normal coal production of the central competitive field was represented in the conference, but this proportion did not deter

"None of the Illinois or Indiana association of operators was represented in the

the conference was made by the conference credentials committee. Its report was that the operators in the conference controlled 27,940,000 tons in Ohio 7,800-

confer with three members of the Illinois operators' goals committee, and the hope was held out among the conferees here that the Illinois operators' association

The union's demand for a settlement center on the re-establishment of the wage schedule that expired last March.

Mr. Warriner, as chairman of the Anthracite operators, told the press that the resumption of work in the

here was to be a basis for other operators was a question of policy to be decided entirely by the union.

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"when a scale is made here, 75 per cent. of all bituminous tonnage now on strike will sign that scale." Practically all operators outside the central competitive

**ILLINOIS OPERATORS MET
REPRESENTATIVES OF LEWIS**

at an understanding relative to the big conference of operators and miners at Cleveland now in session.

An effort to make a separate settlement in case the conference at Cleveland breaks up with no result is said to have been made.

may hold the key to a settlement with them and it is known that many Ohio operators are favorable to Farrington and look to him for a working arrangement.

TWO NARROW ESCAPES

**ILLINOIS COAL OPERATORS
DECLINE NEGOTIATIONS**
Chicago, Aug. 10.—W. K. Kavanaugh

any conference with John L. Lewis, leader of the striking miners, at Cleveland, except on the basis of the arbitration proposals submitted by President Hoover.

Washington, Aug. 10.—Use of the emergency powers of the interstate commerce commission to regulate the coal trade was signed by President Wilson today. It is now en route to Washington for the exchange of ratifications.

The government's defense against price advances above the charges agreed upon by producing operators with *Société des Houillères* was defeated in a general strike in Lisbon was termed today following a declaration from government that the price of would be reduced. The strike was